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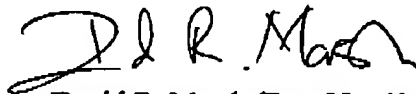
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Inventors: Dane K. FISHER *et al.*  
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants  
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Sir:

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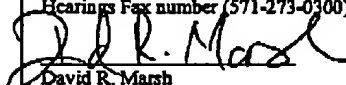
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Appeal No: 2005-1340  
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Application No: 09/394,745  
Hearing Room: A  
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